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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:EAID, IN, US

SUBJECT: LESSONS IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT

REF: NEW DELHI 10290

1. THE PRESIDENT'S SUGGESTIONS TO PRIME MINISTER DESAI ON HOW WE MIGHT GAIN FROM INDIA'S EXPERIENCE IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD NOT INVOLVE FORMAL OR ONGOING PROGRAMS FEATURING SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES OR REQUIRING SIGNIFICANT U.S. FUNDING COMMITMENT AND FOLLOW-UP. IF DESAI RESPONDS FAVORABLY, WE HAD IN MIND EXPLORING A WORKSHOP OR SEMINAR WHERE INDIAN AND U.S. EXPERTS WOULD SHARE MOST RECENT THINKING AND EXPERIENCE IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT. A SMALL GROUP OF U.S. EXPERTS AND ACADEMICS COULD EXCHANGE VIEWS AND RE-ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH GOI ASSOCIATES. SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN INDIA MIGHT LAST A WEEK AND INVOLVE APPROPRIATE FIELD  
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VISITS. FOCUS OF DISCUSSION WOULD BE ON MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AS A MUTUAL GOAL OF BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS.

2. IF INDIANS HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST, A USEFUL FIRST STEP IN PLANNING MIGHT BE VISIT BY A.I.D. RURAL DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST, CHARLES BLANKSTEIN, WHO WILL BE VISITING NEPAL BEGINNING EARLY TO MID-SEPT. SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC

AGREEMENTS WORKED OUT IN CONSULTATION WITH GOI, IT IS  
FORSEEN THAT THE A.I.D. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BUREAU  
WOULD FACILITATE FOLLOW-ON ARRANGEMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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